



PATENT

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1653**

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Applicant(s): Shirley *et al.*
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Examiner:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.